Human Rights Research Assistant



Project Title	Human Rights Research Assistant
SIImmarv	The DRL/MLGA Visas, Sanctions, and Asylum Team is seeking motivated and flexible candidates to conduct research on historical and ongoing human rights violations globally to assist policymakers on decisions regarding visa restrictions.
Country	United States

Project Description

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs, Visas Team is seeking highly motivated, self-starters to undertake research related to historical and ongoing human rights abuses to inform policymakers decision making on visa restrictions, including Section 7031(c) outlined below. Individual will draft reports outlining historical context and background of human rights violations in their assigned region or as need arises. Individual will also monitor local media reporting related to ongoing human rights violations occurring in their assigned region. Potential opportunities to work on data analytics and metrics projects as applicable.

Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020 prohibits entry into the United States of officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members about whom the Secretary of State has credible information of involvement in significant public corruption or a gross violation of human rights.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Editing and proofreading
Political Analysis
Research
Writing

Additional Information

Strong candidates will have an interest or background in human rights, qualitative research skills, and strong writing skills. Applicants must demonstrate sound judgement in assessing the credibility of open source reporting and trustworthiness of online sources. Applicants must be flexible and willing to shift attention towards different regions as need arises. Language skills in Spanish, French, Mandarin, and/or Arabic are helpful, but not required.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Spanish	No practical proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Chinese-Mandarin	No practical proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Arabic	No practical proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
French	No practical proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have